

# **Ironbound Community Corporation Environmental Justice Program**

*Empowering, Educating, and Organizing to create a healthier,  
cleaner and more sustainable community for all*



*Environmental Justice is the right of everyone to a healthy and  
clean environment where they live, work and play.*



**Ironbound  
COMMUNITY  
CORPORATION**

## The Ironbound

The Ironbound is a diverse community of more than 50,000 residents. This largely working-class neighborhood in Newark's East Ward is densely populated and has a rich cultural history.

The Ironbound received its name because of the many forges, foundries and railroads that surrounded the neighborhood in the 19th century. This industrial history has left a legacy of pollution in the community.



Ironbound Community Corporation's (ICC) Environmental Justice Program is active in a wide range of environmental projects.

For more information about our Environmental Justice Programs, call  
973-817-7013



## Environmental Injustices in the Ironbound



Today the Ironbound still suffers from the cumulative burden of environmental pollution from many sources

### Ironbound is home to:

- More than 100 contaminated land and hazardous waste sites
- A Superfund site that contains the world's largest concentration of dioxin
- The state's largest garbage incinerator
- Major highways, including the NJ Turnpike and Routes 1&9
- Over 15,000 truck trips daily from Port Newark and Elizabeth
- Newark Liberty International Airport which brings noise and air pollution
- Very little green space, trees, or parks
- Numerous chemical plants, power plants, and the largest sewage treatment plant in NJ

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## Top Environmental Concerns Ranked by the Community

In a community-wide survey we asked residents what their top environmental concerns were and they told us:

**Air Pollution**

**Lack of Trees, Parks, and Greenspace**

**Quality of Life Issues like Litter, Noise, and Odor Pollution**

**Unfair Share of Garbage and Waste Facilities**

**Contaminated Land and Groundwater**

**Flooding**

\*These results were part of a US EPA CARE Level I project,

*Ironbound CARE Cumulative Impacts Project.*

For more information about the project visit:

<https://sites.google.com/a/ironboundcc.org/ironboundcare>



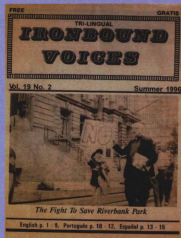
## Ironbound Community Fights Back

Through the years, Ironbound residents have organized for environmental justice

**Ironbound Committee Against Toxic Waste (ICATW)** - In 1981, ICATW fought to clean up toxic waste in the neighborhood, and to prevent new polluters from coming in. ICATW stopped 3 out of 4 proposed incinerators from being built here, including the world's largest sludge incinerator. ICATW helped form a statewide group GREO (Grass Roots Environmental Organization) which defeated 11 out of 14 incinerators which were to be built statewide.



**Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG)** - In 2008, ICC and residents helped organize strong public participation in the Passaic River cleanup. They helped form the Passaic River CAG which provides the community a forum to identify issues that affect area residents, cleanup workers, and the health of the River. You can learn more information about the CAG at [www.ourpassaic.org](http://www.ourpassaic.org)



**Save the Park at Riverbank (SPARK)** - In 1996, residents organized to prevent Riverbank Park from being demolished and worked to have it protected as a historic site. You can learn more about Riverbank park at <http://riverbankpark.org>

### Stop New Polluting Facilities -

Residents continue organizing to stop new polluting facilities from being built. They prevented other incinerators and waste facilities from coming to the Ironbound.

ICC is also an active member with **New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance**, [www.njeja.org](http://www.njeja.org) **Coalition for Healthy Ports**, [www.healthyports.org](http://www.healthyports.org)



## Community Prioritized Top Action Strategies

### COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING



### CLEAN UP POLLUTED LAND

**BETTER LOCAL NOTIFICATION** from the **GOVERNMENT** ABOUT **PROPOSED PROJECTS** that will **IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY**

**ADD MORE TREES, GREENSPACE AND PARKS TO THE IRONBOUND**



**WASTE DIVERSION: RECYCLE, COMPOST, REUSE, REDUCE**



**CUMULATIVE IMPACTS: DEVELOP POLICIES to EMPOWER COMMUNITIES to SAY NO to MORE POLLUTION and to REDUCE EXISTING BURDENS**

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## Important Phone Numbers to Know and USE

### ICC Environmental Justice Hotline

For all environmental justice questions in the Ironbound  
(201) 878-8482

### Environmental Crimes

Odor, Noise, Toxic Spills, etc.  
NJDEP 24 Hour Hotline  
1-877-927-6337

### Quality of Life Hotline

Get information about bulk trash, garbage pick up, snow plowing, Report graffiti, illegal dumping, litter, pot holes  
(973) 733-4311

### Newark Code Enforcement

Call in abandoned buildings and problems with buildings.  
(973) 733-6471

### Call In Bad Smells

Essex County  
Monday-Friday 9a.m - 5p.m  
(973) 325-3212

### Workplace Emergency

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
(973) 263-1003

### Report Illegal Dumping

Newark City Hall  
Monday-Friday 9a.m - 5p.m  
24 Hour Hotline (973) 744-6471

### PSE&G

For power outages and emergencies in the home and in the community  
1-800-436-7734

### Environmental Emergency

Poison Help - 1-800-222-1222  
Pesticide Information - 1-800-858-7378

### City Sanitation

For problems or questions about garbage pick up and/or recycling  
(973) 733-3860  
Flooding Problems (973) 733-4321

## How to Get Involved

To learn more about our programs or get involved,  
Contact:

*EJ Organizer/Community Garden* (201) 878-8482  
(Spanish or Portuguese)

*Environmental Projects/EJ Tours* (973) 817-7013

*Community Development* (973) 817-7013

(Ironbound Community Corporation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. If you are interested in making a donation, please make checks payable to Ironbound Community Corporation and write EJ in the memo. Checks can be mailed to Ironbound Community Corporation 179 Van Buren Street Newark NJ 07105)



Check us out on the web at:

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<http://www.ironboundcc.org>

Ironbound CARE Cumulative Impacts  
<https://sites.google.com/a/ironboundcc.org/ironboundcare>

ICC Brownfields Area Wide Plan  
<http://iccbrownfieldredevelopment.wordpress.com>

**Ironbound Children's Center**

1 New York Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 589-6873

**Administrative Office**

179 Van Buren Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 589-3353

**Family Success Center - East  
Community Garden**

29-31 Cortland Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 344-5940



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**Environmental Justice and Community Development**

317 Elm Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 817-7013

**Adult Education/Afterschool**

423 Lafayette Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 465-0947

**Family Success Center - West**

317 Elm Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 465-0555

**Early Head Start Center**

366 East Kinney Street  
Newark, NJ 07105  
(973) 466-3053

